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SUBJ: TRADE OPPORTUNITY: ALEPPO WATER SUPPLY--MAJOR PROJECT

1. LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS HAVE CARRIED REPORTS THAT THE GENERAL ESTABLISHMENT FOR WATER IN ALEPPO IS IN THE MIDST OF PREPARING DOCUMENTS FOR A PROJECT TO SUPPLY CITY WITH 220,000 CUBIC METERS OF WATER PER DAY. TOTAL COST OF PROJECT IS SL 500 MILLION (ONE U.S. DOL EQUALS SL 3.90) AND IS BEING FINANCED WITH A U.S. DOL 50 MILLION LOAN FROM THE WORLD BANK.

2. PROJECT INCLUDES FOLLOWING ELEMENTS: 1) SUPPLY CANAL FROM THE EUPHRATES RIVER, TWO METERS WIDE AND 76 KILOMETERS LONG, GRAVITY-INDUCED FOR ALL BUT 12 KILOMETERS OF ITS LENGTH; NEW CANAL WOULD RUN ALONGSIDE TWO CANALS CURRENTLY INSTALLED; 2) WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, INCLUDING SETTLING, FILTRATION, AND CHEMICAL TREATMENT; 3) PUMPING EQUIPMENT, GENERATORS, AND PIPING; 4) RESERVOIRS AND OVERHEAD TANKS; 5) URBAN DISTRIBUTION NETWORK; 6) SIDE CANALS TO NEIGHBORING VILLAGES; 7) ELECTRICAL REMOTE CONTROL SYSTEM; AND 8) ANCILLIARY CONSTRUCTION (RAINWATER CULVERTS, INSPECTION FACILITIES, UNCLASSIFIED

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ROAD BRIDGES OVER CANALS).

3. CLOSING DATE FOR NEW PROJECT IS NOT STATED. (EMBASSY HAS HEARD THAT DESIGN CONSULTANT FOR PROJECT HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED YET, THOUGH A SHORT LIST HAS BEEN DREWN UP.) PROJECT SHOULD NOT BE READY FOR TENDERING, THEREFORE, FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: ADDRESSES ARE REQUESTED TO
CIRCULATE NEWS OF ABOVE TRADE OPPORTUNITY AMONG
RELEVANT U.S. COMPANIES. INTERESTED FIRMS SHOULD BE
ADVISED TO CONTACT THE PUBLIC WATER ESTABLISHMENT,
ALEPPO, SYRIA.
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